

food safety supervisor refresher training from september 2015

Food Safety Supervisor certificates will expire from 1 September 2015



To assist a Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) with re-certification, Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) approved by the NSW Food Authority are offering refresher training on food safety issues currently affecting the NSW hospitality and retail food service sector.

The NSW Food Authority's Food Safety Supervisor program (which commenced in 2010) requires restaurants, cafes, takeaway shops, caterers, bakeries, pubs, clubs, hotels and supermarket hot food sales to have at least one trained Food Safety Supervisor working in the food business.

Under the NSW Food Act 2003, Food Safety Supervisor certificates are current for five years from date of issue. Any person wishing to be appointed as a Food Safety Supervisor for a food business must attain the required units of competency from an approved Registered Training Organisation to obtain a Food Safety Supervisor certificate.

In recognition of a current Food Safety Supervisor having existing food safety skills and knowledge, the Food Authority engaged Charles Sturt University (RTO) to develop a refresher training program to fast track the re-attainment of units of competency and Food Safety Supervisor certificates.

Based on an analysis of compliance statistics and microbiological surveys on food safety in the retail food service sector, the NSW Food Authority found that poor performance in three key areas: allergen management, handling

eggs safely, and cleaning and sanitising, often contributed to foodborne illness outbreaks. As a result, the refresher training has been designed to enhance knowledge in these key areas.

correct handling and cooking of food is critical in preventing foodborne illness

From 1 September 2015, food businesses with an appointed food safety supervisor with a FSS certificate due to expire can enrol in refresher training with a Registered Training Organisation approved under the FSS program. Food businesses have 30 working days from the expiry date of the FSS certificate to make sure their appointed Food Safety Supervisor participates in the refresher training and obtains a new certificate. By doing so, they will continue to promote and support a highly skilled and compliant retail food sector in NSW.

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